Yellow warning
Wind

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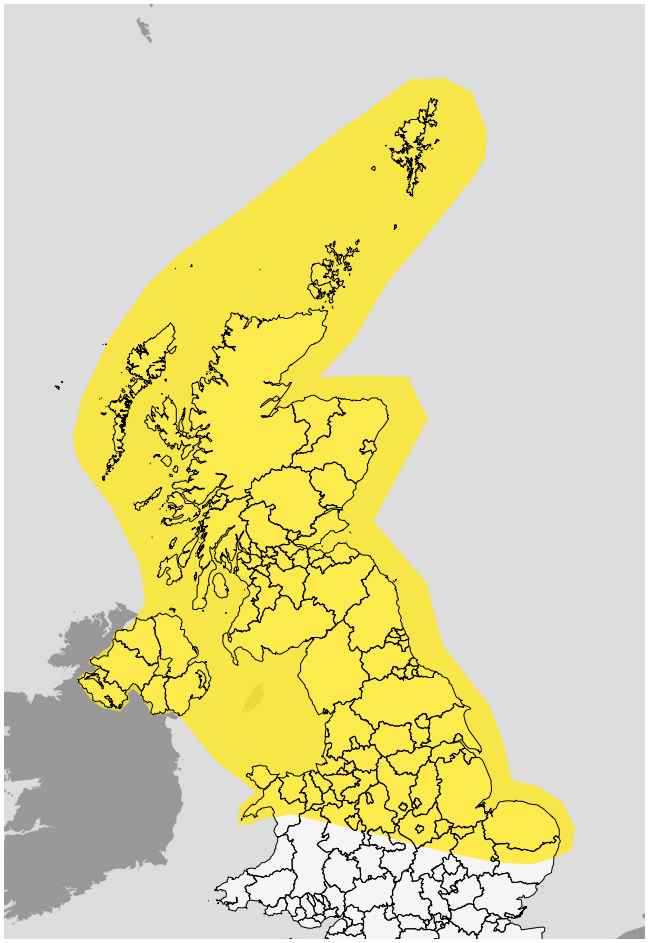


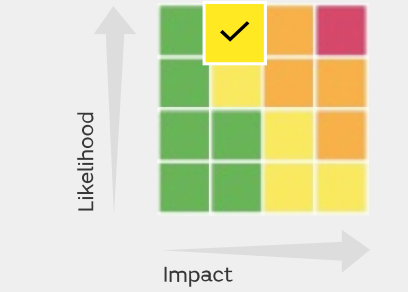
Strong winds across a large swathe of the country Thursday, causing some travel disruption.

What to expect

- Some delays to road, rail, air and ferry transport expected
- Some bus and train services affected, with some journeys taking longer
- Delays for high-sided vehicles on exposed routes and bridges
- Some short term loss of power and other services
- Coastal routes, sea fronts and coastal communities will be affected by spray and/or large waves

Further details

Overnight Wednesday into Thursday, strong west to northwesterly winds are likely to develop across a large swathe of the country. Quite widely winds are expected to gust 45-55 mph, with stronger gusts, possibly reaching 65-70 mph, over and to the east of high ground, mainly across the north of the warning area. However, the strongest winds are likely to be across the far north and northeast of Scotland, including the Northern Isles during the morning. Here, gusts of 70-80 mph are possible for a time.



✓ High likelihood of low impacts

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Further Details (continued)

The system has been named Storm Pia by the Danish Met Institute, as impacts are expected to be greater here.

Winds will slowly moderate from the west Thursday evening.

What should I do?

Give yourself the best chance of avoiding delays by checking road conditions if driving, or bus and train timetables, amending your travel plans if necessary.

People cope better with power cuts when they have prepared for them in advance. It's easy to do; consider gathering torches and batteries, a mobile phone power pack and other essential items.

If you are on the coast, stay safe during stormy weather by being aware of large waves. Even from the shore large breaking waves can sweep you off your feet and out to sea. Take care if walking near cliffs; know your route and keep dogs on a lead. In an emergency, call 999 and ask for the Coastguard.

Be prepared for weather warnings to change quickly: when a weather warning is issued, the Met Office recommends staying up to date with the weather forecast in your area.

Reason for update

Given higher confidence on wind strength, the impact level has been updated. The end time has also been brought forward.

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Central, Tayside & Fife

Angus Clackmannanshire Dundee Falkirk Fife Perth and Kinross Stirling

East Midlands

Derby Derbyshire Leicester Leicestershire Lincolnshire Northamptonshire Nottingham Nottinghamshire Rutland

East of England

Cambridgeshire Norfolk Peterborough Suffolk

Grampian

Aberdeen Aberdeenshire Moray

Highlands & Eilean Siar

Eilean Siar Highland

North East England

Darlington Durham Gateshead Hartlepool Middlesbrough Newcastle upon Tyne North Tyneside Northumberland Redcar and Cleveland South Tyneside Stockton-on-Tees Sunderland

North West England

Blackburn with Darwen Blackpool Cheshire East Cheshire West and Chester Cumbria Greater Manchester Halton Lancashire Merseyside Warrington

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All regions & authorities affected (continued)

Northern Ireland

County Antrim County Armagh County Down County Fermanagh County Londonderry County Tyrone

Orkney & Shetland

Orkney Islands Shetland Islands

SW Scotland, Lothian Borders

Dumfries and Galloway East Lothian Edinburgh Midlothian Council Scottish Borders West Lothian

Strathclyde

Argyll and Bute East Ayrshire East Dunbartonshire East Renfrewshire Glasgow Inverclyde North Ayrshire North Lanarkshire Renfrewshire South Ayrshire South Lanarkshire West Dunbartonshire

Wales

Conwy Denbighshire Flintshire Gwynedd Isle of Anglesey Powys Wrexham

West Midlands

Shropshire Staffordshire Stoke-on-Trent Telford and Wrekin Warwickshire West Midlands Conurbation

Yorkshire & Humber

East Riding of Yorkshire Kingston upon Hull North East Lincolnshire North Lincolnshire North Yorkshire South Yorkshire West Yorkshire York

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